

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND NEW-CELL, INC. d/b/a CELLCOM	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-18
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued August 8, 2000)

On June 30, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and New-Cell, Inc., d/b/a Cellcom, filed Amendment No.1 to the negotiated interconnection agreement which was previously approved by the Utilities Board (Board) on November 6, 1997. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-97-18. On July 21, 2000, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not

discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendment No. 1 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on June 30, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and New-Cell, Inc., d/b/a Cellcom, is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this day of August, 2000.